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In re Application of :
Bigg, et al. :
Application No. 09/612,382 : ON PETITION
Filed: July 7, 2000 :
Attorney Docket No. 427.010-1-DIV-2:

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 18, 2001, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned March 9, 2001. The application became abandoned for failure to properly reply to the non-final Office action mailed December 8, 2000. The non-final Office action set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. A three (3) month extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained on June 8, 2001 at which time an improper Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") was filed. Notice of improper RCE was mailed June 27, 2001. Notice of Abandonment was mailed July 11, 2001.

Receipt of the amendment submitted herewith is acknowledged.

As requested, the previously submitted RCE fee has been refunded to deposit account no. 02-2275.

This application will be forwarded to Technology Center 1600 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to Petitions Attorney Alesia M. Brown at 703-305-0310.

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